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SUBJECT: CSCE IMPLEMENTATION:

1. DURING THE POLADS FEBRUARY 15 MEETING, THE FOLLOWING CSCE-RELATED ITEMS CAME UP (SEE ACTION REQUEST IN PARA 4):

A. TURKISH-BULGARIAN CONSULTATIONS

ACCORDING TO TURKISH REP, DURING A JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 4 VISIT TO ANKARA, BULGARIAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TZEVOTKOV SAID THE BULGARIANS HAVE ESTABLISHED MANY ECONOMIC CONTACTS WITH THE WEST DESPITE THE LATTER'S DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN TRADE, SUCH AS ADVANCE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS AND THE EC-NINE QUANTITY QUOTAS. THE BULGARIANS CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS IN THE CSCE HUMAN CONTACTS AREA AND THAT BULGARIA HAD THE MOST LIBERAL EXIT AND ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS IN THE EAST. OF TWO HUNDRED DIVIDED FAMILY CASES ONCE OUTSTANDING, A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY HAD BEEN RESOLVED; TWENTY WERE NOW UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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REVIEW; AND ONLY TEN WERE STILL OUTSTANDING. BULGARIA HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED A FOREIGN JOURNALISTS' CLUB AND HAS INSTITUTED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FOR JOURNALISTS. BULGARIA SEES THE BELGRADE CSCE NOT AS A TRIBUNAL BUT AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. IN ADDITION, BULGARIA SEES BELGRADE AS ADDRESSING ONLY THE FOLLOWING NEW PROPOSALS: BREZHNEV'S PROPOSALS (ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENT); THE SWISS PROPOSAL ON

THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES; AND
YUGOSLAVIA'S PROPOSAL FOR A CULTURAL YEAR. BULGARIA
IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF MEDITERRANEAN
ISSUES, AND BELIEVES THAT BELGRADE WILL BE A YARD-
STICK BY WHICH THE USEFULNESS OF FUTURE CSCE FOLLOW-
ON MEETINGS CAN BE DETERMINED.

B. BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV-GREEK RELATIONS
THE GREEK POLAD SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY IN
SOFIA REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN DENYING
BULGARIANS EXIT VISAS FOR VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA
(EXCEPT TRANSIT VISAS), THOUGH YUGOSLAVS CAN
FREELY VISIT BULGARIA. BULGARIA HAD ALSO CAN-
CELED WITHOUT EXPLANATION A PLANNED VISIT TO
BULGARIA BY A GREEK MILITARY MISSION. IN
CONVERSATIONS WITH GREEK EMBOFFS IN SOFIA,
YUGOSLAV EMBOFFS HAD IMPLIED A REINFORCEMENT/
ALERT OF BULGARIAN FORCES WAS IN EFFECT, AND
THAT IT WAS CONNECTED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND.

C. FRG PAPER ON "SCIENTIFIC FORUM"
FRG DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED A PAPER, WHICH WE
ARE TRANSMITTING BY AIRGRAM (A-89) ON BONN'S PROPOSAL
FOR THE ACTIVATION OF A "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" IN THE
CSCE CONTEXT.

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2. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS
DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH US TO MAKE ON FRG PAPER.
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